

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A polymer blend for use in producing plastic articles having a metallic effect appearance for high temperature applications comprising by weight from about 3% to about 12% metal particles component, from about 30% to about 60% talc, and from about 35% to about 70% olefinic thermoplastic polymer, said metal particle component comprising aluminum particles having an undefined configuration and an average particle size of from about 200 μm to about 400 μm .

Claim 2 (original): A polymer blend as set forth in claim 1 wherein said olefinic thermoplastic polymer comprises a homopolymer or copolymer of polypropylene.

Claim 3 (original): A polymer blend as set forth in claim 1 wherein said blend comprises from about 40 to about 55 weight percent talc.

Claim 4 (original): A polymer blend as set forth in claim 1 wherein said blend comprises from about 40 to about 65 weight olefinic polymer.

Claim 5 (original): A polymer blend as set forth in claim 1 wherein said blend comprises from about 5 to about 11 weight percent metal particles component.

Claim 6 (original): A polymer blend as set forth in claim 1 wherein said talc has an average particle size of from about 1 μm to about 5 μm .

Claim 7 (original): A polymer blend as set forth in claim 1 wherein said blend includes up to about 5 percent by weight colorant.